Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

FIGURE 1 is a plan diagram illustrating a ~~pinnate~~ drainage pattern 100 for accessing deposits in a coal seam or other suitable subterranean zone in accordance with one embodiment of the invention. In the illustrated embodiment, ~~pinnate~~ drainage pattern 100 comprises a vertical well bore 101 extending from a surface down to a main well bore 102 disposed within a subterranean zone, and a plurality of lateral well bores 104 extending from main well bore 102. Although drainage pattern 100 is in the form of a ~~pinnate~~ pattern of substantially equal length lateral well bores 104, the present invention contemplates other suitable drainage patterns for use within the teachings of the present invention, for example a pinnate pattern. Vertical well bore 101, main well bore 102, and lateral well bores 104 may be formed using any suitable drilling techniques and may be formed with any suitable diameters and lengths.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17, with the following a mended paragraph:

Lateral wellbore 104 is then lined with a lateral liner and a portion of a tie-back assembly, as denoted by step 708. Examples of this lining step are described above in conjunction with FIGURES 3 through 4 and FIGURES 5 and 6. A tie-back window of the tie-back assembly is aligned with a longitudinal bore of the whipstock at step 710. This may include rotating portions of the tie-back assembly or other suitable manipulation in order to facilitate the aligning. The tie-back assembly is then coupled to a main casing with a suitable latching mechanism at step 712. The positioning of the whipstock, forming of lateral wellbore 104, lining of lateral wellbore 104, aligning of the tie-back window with the longitudinal bore, and coupling of a tie-back assembly to the main casing is then repeated for each additional lateral wellbore window formed in the main casing, as denoted by step 714. The ~~pinnate~~ drainage pattern 100 is then ready for subsequent production or other suitable operation. That ends the example method as illustrated in FIGURE 7.